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Dear Sirs,

We write to advise that the Company has acquired further 56,000 Ordinary Shares of Nepalese Rupees 100/- each of Surya Nepal Private Limited (Surya Nepal), earlier known as Surya Tobacco Company (P) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Nepal. With this acquisition, the total shareholding of the Company in Surya Nepal has gone up from 49% to 59%.

As a consequence, Surya Nepal has become a subsidiary of the Company with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2002.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary

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